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1. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED PROGRAM OUTLINED REFTEL CAREFULLY AND HAS RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED THAT APPROACHING GDR TO URGE THEM SEND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TO HONOLULU MEETING WOULD SERVE NEITHER GOAL OF REDUCING DRUG DEMAND NOR U.S. POLICY INTERESTS IN GENERAL FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. GDR HAS LITTLE IF ANY ILLICIT USE OF DRUGS. SUCH A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, IF HE OR SHE ATTENDED, WOULD PROBABLY DEVOTE HIS INTERVENTIONS TO BOOSTING SUPERIORITY OF GDR SOCIAL SYSTEM AS REASON WHY EAST GERMANY HAS NO DRUG PROBLEM.

B. IT IS FURTHER UNLIKELY THAT SUCH HEALTH PROFES-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIONAL WOULD HAVE ANY CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTUAL TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED IN DRUG DEPENDENCE SECTION.

C. MAIN PURPOSE FOR WHICH GDR WOULD PROBABLY USE ATTENDANCE AT SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD BE, WE BELIEVE, TO DEMONSTRATE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY OF

REGIME TO ITS OWN POPULACE.

2. IT IS LIKEWISE POSSIBLE THAT ONE OR MORE GDR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, WHO MIGHT NORMALLY FOLLOW THIS SUBJECT, WILL HAVE HEARD OF CONFERENCE THROUGH THEIR PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS AND DECIDE ON THEIR OWN TO ATTEND. EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, FACILITATE VISA ISSUANCE IN SUCH CASES.

3. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO BRIEF MS. PAMELA THURRER OF EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT AS GIVEN ABOVE.POLANSKY

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